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Texas Legislature Gets Latest 'Backlash Bill'

AUSTIN, TX — A bill has been introduced into the Texas legislature that would ban homosexual organizations from state-supported universities. The bill, introduced by conservative Rep. Clay Smothers of Dallas, comes in the wake of a dispute at Texas A&M University over whether or not to grant recognition to a campus gay group. After Texas A&M officials refused to recognize the group, the Gay Student Services Organization filed a lawsuit.

At a hearing held recently at the House Committee on State Affairs chambers, Rep. Clay Smothers of Dallas, sponsor of the bill, said, "Somebody had to introduce this legislation. If homosexuality is not immoral — and I believe it is — then it certainly is abnormal."

In the audience at the hearing were over 150 lesbians and gay men as well as several military uniformed-clad members of the Texas A&M Corps. The uniformed students argued against the bill.

Randolph Conner, an openly gay English teacher at the University of Texas at Austin, also testified before the committee. He was asked if he ever "pushed" his sexual preference either in class discussions or through his required readings. "The reason we

appear as vampires lurking in the bars and parks is that you have never allowed us to gather in the sunlight," said Conner.

A gay Austin attorney, Woody Eggerm, told the committee that "If this bill were enacted, it would be struck down by the federal courts."

The Texas bill is the most recent example of the anti-gay backlash that appears to be sweeping more conservative areas of the country. Last week the Pennsylvania State Senate passed a bill that would ban gay people from certain "sensitive" state jobs, including state police, mental health workers and other occupations. State officials found guilty of hiring gay people could serve up to 90 days in prison. A bill to ban homosexuals from "consorting in public" is now before the New Hampshire state legislature. Last month, the state of Arkansas reinstituted its penalties for same-sex sexual relations, two years after removing penalties for such offenses from the books. The most visible example of the backlash has been the "Save Our Children" campaign to repeal the Dade County, Florida, gay rights ordinance.

The Texas bill has been referred to a House Committee on State Affairs subcommittee for further study.

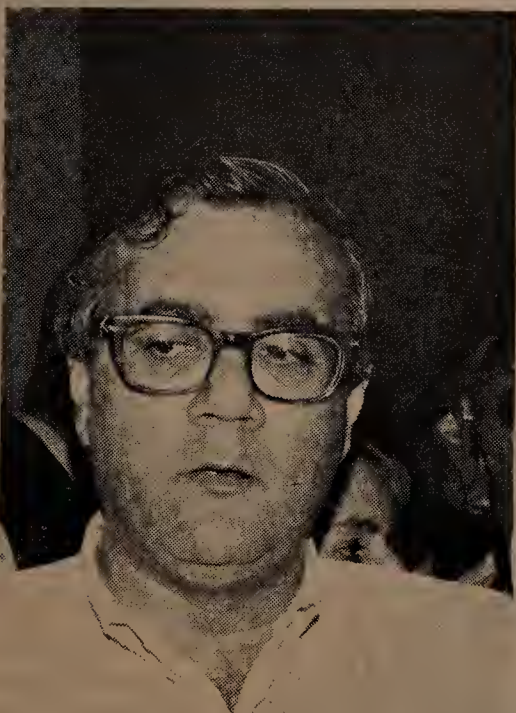


HCHS PROSPERS UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP: After a protracted crisis of management and finances within the organization, Boston's Homophile Community Health Service is alive and well. Acting Executive Director Jill Rugi (pictured above) reports an increase in the number of people seeking HCHS mental health and counseling services. "We're seeing more and more clients all the time, which means we'll need more volunteers and supervisors," Rugi said. Rugi has led a complete reorganization of HCHS over the past several months. A new managing board is considering candidates for a permanent executive director, and more than 40 applicants have signed up; the choice will be made by July 1. The board is meanwhile drawing up plans for new training sessions, policy manuals, and social activities. Both Rugi and the organization's board of directors encourage the community to rely on the service and help HCHS stay strong and successful. Photo by John Scagliotti

Gay Legislation Benefit Raises a Cool \$3000

BOSTON — "It was beyond my wildest expectations," reflected Joe Martin, coordinator of Gay Legislation, last week after an auction/brunch to benefit the Massachusetts gay rights lobbying organization on April 24 netted the group more than \$3000. Over 400 men and women attended the event, which was held at Somewhere, the popular gay disco on Franklin Street in Boston.

Martin began the afternoon by explaining the purpose of the benefit to those present — raising funds for Gay Legislation's lobbying campaign to help pass this year's gay rights bills in Massachusetts. The most important thing for each individual person to do, Martin explained, was — in addition to contributing money — to write to his or her state legislators in support of the legislation. He also recognized Reps. Elaine Noble and Barney Frank of Boston, Rep. Peter F. Harrington of Newton, and Democratic State Committee member David Sullivan of Cambridge, who were present in the audience.



Barney Frank . . . \$100 tour of the State House

Photo by Neil Miller

Somewhere's co-manager Ann Maguire assisted Martin in the auctioneering process. The highest bid of the afternoon (\$230) was for a weekend for two at the Boatslip in Provincetown, with the next-highest (\$120) paid for a "night on the town" with Maguire herself. Breakfast at Boston's Ritz-Carlton with Rep. Elaine Noble sold for the suspicious sum of \$69, while a special guided tour of the State House by Rep. Barney Frank went for \$100. (Frank declined to say whether the tour would be during the daytime or evening hours, but did offer a free tour out of courtesy to a woman who gave up bidding at \$70).

A picnic on the Esplanade with Noble's administrative aide, Bob Mikolitch, was a steal for \$31. A full-sized pool table, including cuesticks and balls, went to a high bidder of \$100. And some lucky person will fly someplace — he won't say where — with Somewhere's own Scott on a TWA 707 for an Italian dinner for a mere \$5. (One member of the audience suggested that the dinner was at Logan Airport in East Boston but Scottie wasn't saying.) A total of fifty items was auctioned off, and a dozen more door prizes were awarded.

The longest applause of the day came when Somewhere's co-manager Bob White announced he was making a personal contribution of \$1000 to Gay Legislation, and that drinks for the duration of the afternoon were "on the house."

Martin also recognized representatives of several other local bars in attendance: Herbie Zangari of Herbie's Ramrod Room (with whom someone obtained a "night on the



Photo by Neil Miller

Gay Legislation's Joe Martin plays auctioneer at Somewhere benefit.

town" for \$30), Ed Catino of the Club 76, and Jack Rubin of Sporters.

Despite the success of the afternoon, the money collected represents only about 15% of what Gay Legislation hopes to raise this year, according to Martin.

Several other Gay Legislation benefits are planned for the upcoming year. According to Martin, the money is necessary to meet expenses — such as rent, telephone, postage, and printing — that the lobbying organization expects to incur if it is to function as a professional group. Mail contributions are still welcome, he added, and may be made payable to "Legislation" or "Gay Legislation." They may be sent to P.O. Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston, MA 02114.

U. of Michigan Vote Backs Rights

ANN ARBOR, MI — University of Michigan students have overwhelmingly endorsed an amendment to student government regulations which would prohibit discrimination because of sexual preference. The vote in the campus-wide election was 1,041 to 314 in favor of gay rights inclusion. In order for the amendment to pass, 60% of those voting had to have approved the referendum.

Supporters of the referendum had feared that general apathy and lack of

mobilization might take its toll on the vote but that apparently was not the case. Last year a referendum against CIA recruitment on the Ann Arbor campus lost overwhelmingly, largely because of lack of mobilization around the issue.

University of Michigan student government candidate Brian Lesky, who had initiated the referendum apparently in hopes that it would be defeated, lost his seat on the student council in the balloting.

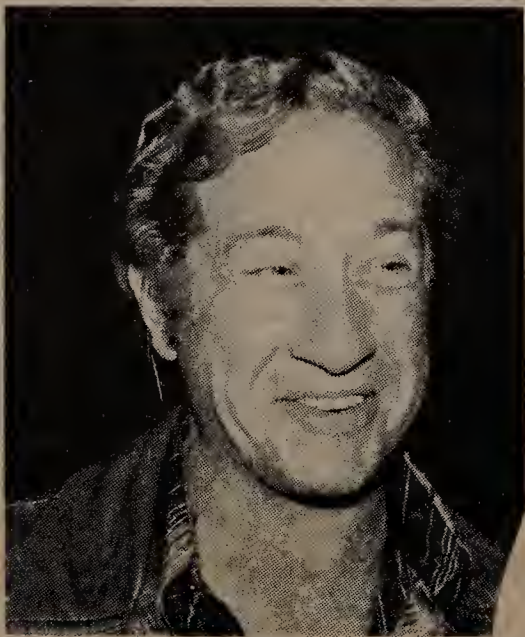
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HIGH COURT REJECTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States Supreme Court has declined to review a lower court decision involving a student newspaper's refusal to print an advertisement by a gay college group. The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit had ruled that the Mississippi State University student newspaper had the right to refuse to print an advertisement by the Mississippi Gay Alliance. The advertisement announced the existence of a Gay Center offering counseling, legal aid, and a library of gay literature.

The Supreme Court's refusal — made without dissent last Monday — to review the lower court decision thus upholds the rights of newspapers and magazines to refuse to print gay and gay-oriented advertisements.

In making its decision, the appeals court had stated that the First Amendment of the US Constitution barred judicial interference with the newspaper's refusal to print the ad.



Sporters' manager Jack Rubin.

SPORTERS NETS \$1550

BOSTON — Sporters, the popular Beacon Hill men's bar, raised over \$1550 at their annual spring auction Tuesday night. All the proceeds from the auction went to Hill House, a Beacon Hill-based group that sends local children to summer camp.

"There was a good turnout and a good fun-time," Jack Rubin, the bar's manager, told GCN. "There were several donations from local merchants and it turned out fine." Last spring the auction netted \$1200 while the Christmas auction — usually a bigger money-maker — resulted in \$1700 last year.

LESBIAN GRADUATE WORK

CAMBRIDGE, MA — A History of Lesbians in the United States, a graduate level project, is being offered in Feminist Studies at the Goddard-Cambridge Graduate Program. The project will be offered beginning October, 1977. Anyone interested can request a catalog and application materials from Goddard Cambridge Graduate Program in Social Change, 186 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.

GAY COPS IN SEATTLE?

SEATTLE, WA — Seattle Police Chief Robert Hanson has reversed a department policy barring openly gay people from being hired as police officers. From now on, gay applicants will be accorded equal treatment when competing for jobs on the force. However, Chief Hanson is still unenthusiastic about gay police officers patrolling the city's streets. "It is my opinion," he wrote, "that overt, practicing homosexuals would have difficulty being accepted by their fellow officers and citizens of our community."

THREE FINGERS FOR ERA

DETROIT, MI — Hold the first three fingers of your right hand out horizontally and you've got the new salute which ERA supporters are putting forth as a new movement symbol. The three fingers, said feminist leader Betty Friedan, indicate the letter E (for equality and the amendment) as well as the three states still needed to ratify the national ERA.

"Blacks used the clenched fist to greet each other and proclaim their cause," said Friedan at a Detroit NOW meeting, organized to combat the wave of ERA setbacks. "People opposed to the war in Vietnam used a V for peace. We can use a symbol too," she said.

BOSTON HOSTS HEALTH

BOSTON — The spring meeting of the National Gay Health Coalition will be held this month at the Boston Gay Men's Center. All gay health workers and other lesbians and gay men involved in or concerned about health services, health promotion, and the rights of gay people in this area are invited to attend the May 14-15 gathering. The meeting will be hosted by Boston's Gay Health Collective and a \$2 donation is requested.

Housing will be available for people who need it and such people should leave a message for the Gay Health Collective with Fenway Community Health Center with receptionist Merna Brostoff. All housing requests must be in by May 9.

Organizations co-sponsoring the Coalition meeting include the Association of Gay Psychologists, Gay Nurses Alliance, Association of Gay Social Workers, Gay Caucus of the American Psychiatric Association, and others. The Gay Men's Center, where the conference will be held, is located at 718 Beacon Street near Kenmore Square in Boston. Saturday sessions will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday meetings will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OLDER (AND OTHER) GAYS

BOSTON — This city's Older and Other Gay Group is now meeting at Hill House, 74 Joy Street, on Beacon Hill. The move was necessitated by a change in policy towards gay people at St. John's Church on Bowdoin Street. The group had previously been meeting at the St. John's location.

The group continues to provide a chance for older gays and those concerned with aging to meet and discuss topics of common interest as well as providing social activities. The next meeting of the group is Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. The topic will be Homophobia — Dade County. All are welcome.

TRUTH TELLING

BOSTON — The Society for Professional Journalists met in Boston over the weekend of April 22 and 23, and Boston Advocates for Human Rights (BAHR) people were there with consciousness-raising materials on gay issues.

Alver Majors of BAHK and Marge Ragana of the Metropolitan Community Church went to the Sheraton Hotel in the Prudential Center with the BAHK "truth kit" containing myths and allegations from Anita Bryant about gay people and answers to those charges. They also had copies of Anita Bryant literature and a statement from the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) to journalists.

NGTF has discovered that many smaller papers are reprinting press releases from Anita Bryant's anti-gay organization, "Save Our Children from Homosexuality, Inc.," and that consciousness-raising among journalists was important to getting fair press coverage for the gay community.

Ragana and Majors reported great success from their efforts and said that the journalists were friendly, receptive and supportive of BAHK's efforts.

BAHR coordinator Ken Withers has proposed to NGTF that more work could be done with the Society of Professional Journalists. BAHK may be printing a booklet version of the "truth kit" and offering it to journalists through ads in the national magazine of the Society, *The Quill*.

MESSAGE FROM THE KKK

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH — Three vast conspiracies of Communism pervade the world and its three faces are "socialism, Judaism, and homosexuality," said the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan in Florida recently. According to Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton, the socialists are the "most forceful aspect" of the conspiracy, the Jews the "most persistent and conniving," and the homosexuals have made the "most substantive effects."

Gay people, said the Imperial Wizard, have "strong feelings of comradeship. It takes on a conspiratorial degree. Strong religious groups have never recruited homosexuals, but the Communists and left wing have made a special effort to recruit homosexuals. They are used as agent provocateurs."

Jews and homosexuals, noted Shelton, are "often the same."



SEXUALITY SURVEY

NEW YORK — Summit Books announced last week that it has contracted for a book by Karla Jay and Allen Young which will be the first comprehensive "grass roots" survey of lesbian and gay male sexuality and lifestyles. Jay and Young plan to distribute as many as 500,000 questionnaires to the gay and lesbian communities through the gay and lesbian/feminist press, radio and television shows, organizations, group and task forces, churches, campuses, and bars. Different questionnaires have been prepared for men and women, and no attempt will be made to falsely-correlate the two.

Jay and Young have previously collaborated on several anthologies of writings of lesbians and gay men, including *Out of the Closets: Voices of Gay Liberation*; *After You're Out* and *Lovender Culture* (in preparation). For further information, and copies of the questionnaire, write to: Survey, Box 98, Orange, Mass. 01364.

WOMEN'S MEDIA

WASHINGTON, DC — A Directory of Women's Media, including periodicals, small presses, courses, art resources, library collections, news services and more is now available. Interested people should write Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press, 3306 Ross Place NW, Washington, DC 20008.

ANITA'S ALLY

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — Big Brothers of Minneapolis, already under legal orders because of their anti-gay discrimination policies, have now stepped into the Dade County ordinance struggle. The executive director of the Minneapolis group wrote a letter recently to Anita Bryant and Save Our Children, Inc., describing his battles with the Twin Cities gay ordinance. He also commended Bryant for her "efforts in behalf of the children of your area."

Save Our Children promptly designed a full-page newspaper advertisement using the letter and the Minneapolis ordinance as part of her anti-gay campaign. "Would you want a homosexual 'Big Brother' for your fatherless boy?" said the headline of an advertisement placed in the April 3 edition of the *Miami Herald*.

The ad notes that in Minneapolis the Big Brother organization was forced not to discriminate against a gay applicant and warns that the same thing could happen in Miami.

Lavender Resistance — Radical Revival in Boston

By Nancy Wechsler

BOSTON — Although unknown to many gay people here, a new group on the Left called Lavender Resistance has been functioning for almost a year. The group appears as a sponsoring organization on the bottom of a multi-group leaflet urging people to join in this year's Boston May Day celebration to be held this week.

Lavender Resistance, at present, is a group of nine people, both lesbians and gay men, who consider themselves committed to gay liberation, socialism, and feminism. They believe that it is important to understand how to make those political connections in theory and in practice.

The group came out of a workshop at last year's Gay Pride Week. People who had gone to the workshop began meeting regularly, feeling there was a need to do an analysis of society that was not being done in the gay community — an analysis that was different from an exclusive focus on gay civil rights. That analysis would mean making the connections between socialism and feminist/gay perspectives.

That interpretation has not come easily for Lavender Resistance. Members of the group openly discussed how difficult it was to know where to start, or how to go about being a Left presence in the gay community, as well as a gay presence on the Left.

By September some people had left the group, and while this was discouraging to those who remained, they did put together a study plan, some reading, and participate in demonstrations in support of Susan Saxe, as well as anti-racist demonstrations.

In February the group got involved in supporting the strike at Preterm. They combined a study both of health care issues and of gay people as workers with actual support of the strike by picketing, leafletting, and turning out for the demonstration on Feb. 5 supporting the Preterm

workers.

The group has continued to discuss issues of being gay at work, health care, abortion, and forced sterilization. They have spent time talking about their own class backgrounds and work histories. Group member Rob Rosenberg described the makeup of the present group: "From our discussions, it seemed as if about 4/5 of us came from middle-class backgrounds, and the rest from working-class backgrounds. In general, most of us are involved in non-career oriented jobs. We're doing work like restaurant work, hospital work, working in a bike collective, doing part-time work, or being presently unemployed. We are also very aware that right now there are no Third World people in the group — I am very aware that we are an all-white group. I hope things don't stay this way."

May Day 1977

The most recent project into which Lavender Resistance members have put their energies is helping to organize the May Day Celebration which will take place on May 6 at 8:00 p.m. at the Boston YWCA. The event is described as a multi-cultural, multi-media event. There will be a slide show depicting the history of workers in the United States, a hospital skit about working in a hospital and what that could be like in a socialist society, and a housing skit about how people come together and get organized. There will also be music. Lavender Resistance members have been involved in many aspects of the planning, from working on the skits and slide show, to doing child care.

What is May Day?

May Day is traditionally, on the Left, considered a worker's holiday. Its history goes back to Chicago in the 1880s. May 1, 1886 became a target date for the fight for an eight-hour day. A general strike was called and a peaceful rally was held. On May 3 police opened fire on a picket line and several people were killed. On May 4 a



Members of the Lavender Resistance, new organization of gay radicals, at a recent meeting.

Photo by Nancy Wechsler

rally of 4,000 people was held in Haymarket Square in Chicago. A bomb exploded in the police lines, and the police opened fire on the crowd. Eleven people died and 100 were wounded. Several anarchist-socialists were arrested, stood trial, and were found guilty and in November of 1887 four of them were hung. The next year the American Federation of Labor (AFL) voted to continue the fight for the eight-hour day setting May 1 as the time for action. In 1889 an international meeting of Socialists set May 1 as an international day of struggle for the eight-hour day, in solidarity with the American workers.

Lavender Resistance and May Day

Richard Millen, a member of Lavender Resistance, talked about why the group was working on May Day. "We wanted to work on May Day because we have each of us in the past done union organizing, housing organizing. We can identify with struggles at work or with being threatened

by your landlord. The people organizing May Day wanted to acknowledge racism, sexism, not just economic issues of 'people before profit'. We wanted to be able to present socialism as a vision of liberation."

Future Plans

Lavender Resistance members have talked about participating in planning this year's Gay Pride Week, as well as possibly organizing a workshop that week on socialism and gay liberation. They hope to join with others in forming a socialist-feminist contingent at the Gay Pride March.

The group is presently not open to new members, but hopes that in the near future when its politics and goals are more defined new people would join. For those interested in finding out more about the group, Lavender Resistance suggests either to come to the workshop during Gay Pride Week, or contact Rob (nights) at 547-8190 or Kate (afternoons) at the bike collective, 868-3392.

Rubyfruit Jungle Set For Film, Mass Marketing

BOSTON — *Rubyfruit Jungle*, Rita Mae Brown's popular autobiographical novel of a lesbian's growing up, appears on the brink of an even greater success than it has already enjoyed. Bantam Books has announced that it plans to sell a mass market edition of the book this fall, with a first printing of 500,000 copies. Another 500,000 copy press run is planned soon afterward.

The book had been printed by Daughters Press, the women's collective that operates out of Plainfield, Vermont. Daughters has published eight printings of 10,000 copies each of

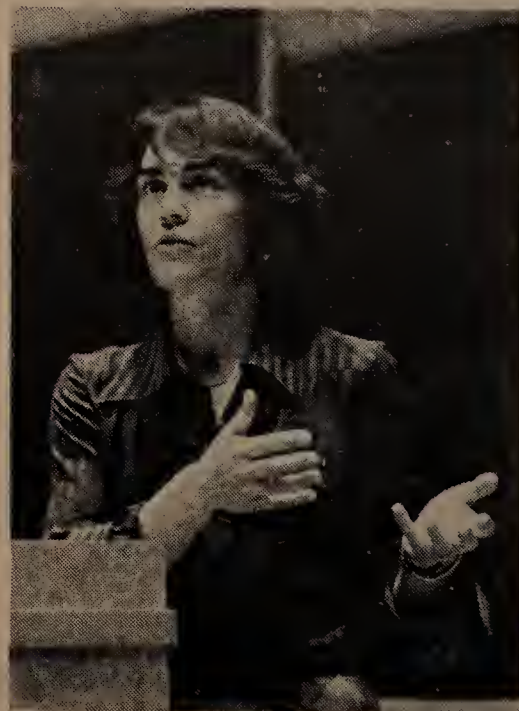
Rubyfruit.

In addition to Bantam's mass marketing of *Rubyfruit Jungle*, Iris Productions, a local Boston film company, has bought film rights to the book. A screen play has been written for the film, co-authored by author Brown and Boston writer Arnie Reisman. Reisman worked on the screenplay of the recent documentary about the blacklist, *Hollywood on Trial*. *Hollywood* was nominated for an Academy Award this year in the "Best Documentary" category.

According to Reisman, a director has been chosen for the film — a

woman — whose name will be announced shortly. Tentatively shooting is expected to begin in the fall, probably in Georgia. (Most of the book is set in Pennsylvania and Florida; Reisman humorously described the Georgia locale as a "compromise" between the two states.) The film's backers hope to raise about \$2 million for the production.

Reisman told GCN that, especially in the wake of the success of *Rocky*, several Hollywood studios are now expressing an interest in *Rubyfruit*. "The gay thing doesn't seem to bother most of them," Reisman told GCN. "And



Rita Mae Brown

Absence of Women Perils Boston Pride Planning

By Kenneth Sjonnesen

The second meeting of Gay Pride '77 was held last Monday at 73 Tremont St. The meeting was attended by approximately 20 men and one woman, and the composition of the meeting was noted by many of the men present as being a distressing situation. Many of those attending were concerned over the lack of women's participation.

Proposals for a basic structure of the planning committee were presented, which would be either one of two co-chairpersons or that of a committee of six to oversee the organization of the Gay Pride Week. It was felt that a committee of six would allow for a

more democratic representation of the segments of the gay community and also divide the work load among more people. It will be decided at the next meeting which system is to be utilized.

The theme of the parade was also discussed. One proposal was for a "Our Diversity is Our Strength" theme, which was perhaps proposed in protest over last year's "Our Unity is Our Strength" theme. Another proposal was for a theme focusing on this year's gay civil rights issues. Many at the meeting felt that this is the year of gay rights legislation around the country, and that a parade organized around that theme would draw attention in both the gay community and the straight community to the need for

action against an Anita Bryant-type "backlash." The next meeting will probably decide on the theme to be used.

Some participants expressed concern that the parade should not be too "political" and that there should be lots of floats and colorful costumes, so "we can show the straight people who we are." Others were more concerned that the parade be a demonstration of Gay Pride, and that "people be the main focus, not frills."

There will be a planning meeting every Monday night at 7:30 p.m., tentatively to be held at 73 Tremont St., rm. 212, until a larger location is necessary. For further information on meetings, see the GCN calendar.

in view of *Rocky*'s success, Hollywood is now taking a close look at movies that focus on one character."

However, Reisman emphasizes that Iris Productions is "trying to hold on to the artistic rights . . . we don't want to give it away to Hollywood so they can turn it into a bunch of shit . . . We want to make it ourselves." However Reisman is still hoping that a Hollywood company might distribute the film. "We want it to play at more than four theatres across the country," he said.

community voice

promiscuity proponent

Dear GCN:

As one who'd promote indiscriminate promiscuity I found Steven Blevins' "Sexism in the Bars, Baths and Bushes" filled with vague and unspecific cliches. I would never belittle the sinister influences of sexism, ageism, racism and class in the contacts between gay men, between gay women or between gay men and gay women. My experience, however, has been that the more respectable the forum the more powerful the influence of the oppressive "ism's" and the greater the hypocrisy.

I am as promiscuous as I can be not because I am trying to live some straight man's fantasy but because I enjoy rimming, cocksucking, larynx licking, tongue twisting and other sexual pleasures. If someone is going to warn me of "the destructive effects habitual [promiscuous] behavior may have," please let them be more explicit about expected evils. Blindness? Sterility? Impotence? Insanity? Immaturity? Instability? Green Semen? Some doctors once claimed that homosexuality or masturbation was self-destructive; they've mostly given up that argument. Let's be careful lest they pin the same rap on any behavior that is not monogamous.

Charley Shively



good guys and villains

Dear GCN:

I read through the article about Slice of Life, printed in the March 26 edition of the GCN and wondered how its author, Neil Miller, could have written the article reviewing the whole sequence of events of the last few months without interviewing me. Not only was his article packed with factual inaccuracies, but for an investigative piece of journalism, its perspective was extremely narrow.

It did not seem right to me that Neil would go to lengths to interview Rita Conroy, from the Allston-Brighton food co-op, who played only a small role in the controversy, but not interview me. Especially when it was clear all he wanted from Rita was information about the history of the "Slice of Strife" cartoon, which nearly no one, including myself, had seen before the women advertised it at the Educational. Why didn't Neil just get in touch with the cartoonist himself?

At the time, I called Neil and asked him why he hadn't contacted me, and he told me he regretted not speaking with me, and something about a lack of time, but I kept thinking . . . time to interview Rita Conroy but not me . . .

I reread the article, and I suspect I now know why. Neil Miller must have been uncomfortable at the prospect of interviewing someone who aided in setting up "the image of us (the women's collective) as crazy dyke bakers," as Mary Shea, one of the women in the collective, stated in Neil's article. I sense Neil would have rather written an article lacking in perspective and truth than deal with a dyke-hater, as I am reputed to be because Mary Shea said as much. Probably the same reluctance lies behind Neil's failure to get in touch with the cartoonist from Allston-Brighton, or the man who supposedly called the women dykes in the Cambridge Food Co-op (he says he said no such thing . . .). They must be both dyke-haters too, and they be better not dealt with.

This "they be better not dealt with" attitude is the same attitude that heterosexuals have employed against gay people throughout history: ostracize the faggot and paint him or her as Villain because he or she is threatening to the status quo. It is a lousy viewpoint, be it practiced by straight or gay people.

Had Neil Miller talked with me, and been open to what I was saying, he might have concluded that my intentions throughout the struggle were not in dyke-baiting, and that there were issues other than sexism involved which were either ignored or scanned over in his article. He also might have found out more about me and how I felt about the whole controversy. As it stood though, the article was a simple Villain and Good Guys piece of sensationalism which contained little sensitivity to the issues at hand.

Neil Miller's failure is not dissimilar to our collective failure, at Slice of Life, in the months before the "firing." He was not committed to broadcasting a more complete perspective (i.e., truth) inasmuch as we were not committed to communicating with one another in the collective. In these kinds of situations, someone always loses, where there is retentiveness there is usually conflict . . . or continued retentiveness.

When the original Slice of Life women demanded that I leave the collective without any prior discussion of any sort, my rights had been violated. We shared responsibility in our collective equally as we did, ultimately, share our failure to communicate better than we did. I had two choices: to be a victim or appeal my reinstatement. I chose the latter. We should have been able to deal through our differences to a mutually amenable solution, but the women weren't willing to allow this to happen. So ensued the rest.

Jeff Silberstein

getting into each other's heads

Dear GCN:

My congratulations to Steven Blevins on an article written on Sexism in Bars, Baths, etc.

It is the first time I've read an article that completely projects my feelings as a gay human being. I wish more people realized that just tricking and carrying on ruins any potential we may ever have as a free people. It makes our gay rights appear publicly as if we're beating a dead horse, and that we are indeed perverted and do not appear as a norm. It seems that we still do not have the capacity of loving and being loved in return. We should be getting into each other's heads instead of automatically someone's pants.

As for myself, I still believe there is someone for me, and hope I can find someone to love. Much congratulations, hoping to read more of the same.

Sincerely,

Jay Stevens



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treatment, proper + dignified

Dear GCN:

It is difficult to support a maximum security ward for violent women. We have all heard horrendous tales of mistreatment or no treatment at Bridgewater, and it's difficult to believe that an ideal situation can be created for women where it has not been for men.

It is important to realize, however, that there is a need for some sort of facility specializing in the care of violent women who are also mentally ill. Women who repeatedly slash themselves, or attack others in the midst of a psychotic episode need more intensive, protected treatment than the overcrowded state hospitals can provide. Other patients also have the right to treatment and protection, and are often denied this by a staff overtaxed in the care of one violent person.

I personally have never seen women treated poorly because they were gay or political. I don't deny, however, that this discrimination exists. We cannot, nevertheless, let this reality blind us to another — there are mentally ill women who are violent, and need more intensive care than our present facilities can provide. Rather than oppose such a unit entirely, it seems to me more beneficial to work toward the establishment of a facility where proper and dignified treatment — rather than mere incarceration — occurs. To deny women and men the right of mental health is to deny a basic civil liberty, one we cannot afford to lose.

Maureen

angry arkansan

Dear GCN:

As you all probably know by now, Arkansas gays are once again criminals. The paper you ran the feature on us came too late to do me any good. I knew the legislature was upset that the consenting adults law loosened the shackles from us, but had no idea that legislation was on its way to becoming law in our regard until your paper featuring this arrived two weeks late. It was then too late for me to do much of anything but send a telegram on my behalf. House Bill 117 roared through the Legislature like a house afire and was signed by the governor even though Club Baths, Arkansas Gay Alliance, and others had spent well over \$10,000 to stop this law. It seems that gay people are so apathetic to the cause. If we don't start to fight now, Anita Bryant will have swept away all our rights as she did for us here in Arkansas, as the legislature too sent her a congratulatory letter on her efforts. I don't care if the National Gay Task Force did go to the White House, the battle is far from over; it's only beginning. The meeting with Midge Costanza was only lip service to us. It is already rumored that the President couldn't really give a damn about us, though during his campaign he would have led us to believe so, therefore garnishing our votes for him along with it. Stand up, for God's sake. The battle's on. Grab your musket and fight, fight, fight, for this is our year, and if we don't make it now, we all just might as well crawl back into our closets. Support gay products, papers, restaurants, bookstores, discos. They are all there for your taking. Don't let them fizzle out due to neglect. Let people know we're here, and that we are a viable resource yet unrecognized by the American Society. Don't let all the Sergeant Matlovich's do the dirty work for you, or the Dave Kopay's, but help yourself. The one thing I've found I do not like in the gay world is the apathy. We tend to treat our needs like our lovers, casting them aside for another when the newness wears off. This is not a come and go battle, it's here to stay, and I hope everyone else is. I only wish to God I was in another locale than I presently am, and in some of your shoes with the opportunities you have to better the cause. Some of you should be ashamed, really ashamed!!!!

Saying it loud . . . (and proud),

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Green Mountain Gays Gather in Burlington (Vt.)

By John Kyper

BURLINGTON, VT — The second annual Green Mountain Gay Weekend was held during the weekend of April 22-24 at the University of Vermont (UVM) in Burlington. The event was sponsored by the University's Gay Student Union.

Three hundred people attended the opening forum on Friday night, featuring Bruce Voeller, co-director of the National Gay Task Force, and Rita Mae Brown, author of *Rubyfruit Jungle* and *Plain Brown Rapper*.

Voeller opened by declaring, "One of the exciting things about our movement is the development of our diversity." He added that confrontation tactics, beginning in 1969, had been the foundation for the recent White House meeting between 14 gays and Presidential assistant Midge Costanza. He felt gays could gain leverage from President Carter's recent statements regarding the denial of human rights abroad: "He must do the same at home, or he'll be made a fool." As a result of the White House conference, meetings are being arranged with high level bureaucrats to discuss grievances, department by department. A meeting would be held on Thursday with Attorney General Griffen Bell, regarding legislation and the treatment of gays in federal prisons, said Voeller.

Voeller saw the Miami referendum battle both as a challenge and an opportunity. Anita Bryant, Voeller said, "has handed us on a silver platter an excellent example of the kind of discrimination we're suffering. We have an opportunity to educate the public in a way that's never been afforded us."



Rita Mae Brown, Bruce Voeller, conference co-keynoters, with Wilda White (center), convention organizer.

Photo by John Tobin

Rita Mae Brown continued on this line: "There are many myths about you that Anita has made public so that you can explode them." Lauding the emergence of black, poor and gay writers, she said that "all of the people who've been silent are now writing." More important than establishment approval, she said, were the efforts of gays to establish community, especially through the development of their writing. She concluded by reading a selection from *Rubyfruit Jungle*.

At an open forum the following morning, Brown elaborated: "We're a movement that hasn't institutionalized

its knowledge. There's a lot of activity and everybody's reinventing the wheel. We are a movement awaiting maturity." Criticizing what she called the middle class attitudes of many gay activists, she spoke of growing up poor, and said, "Hunger is a far more riveting experience than somebody calling you 'queer'."

Voeller saw legislation as a "crumb thrown to you" — its greater value being the chance to educate the public. Although 40 cities and towns around the country now have gay rights legislation on the books, he said, less than 100 gay discrimination lawsuits have

been filed in state and federal courts. "To me the real revolution comes from a re-education of people, the experience of the women's and gay movements, for an understanding of sex roles."

Brown saw the Equal Rights Amendment as a symbol, and a somewhat unfortunate one because "we have been trapped into a battleground in which we lose face if we lose. I hope none of you are foolish enough to believe it will make a big difference." She later asked, "One of the questions we must ask ourselves is why are we in this movement — civil rights for ourselves, or power over our lives?"

Voeller and Brown were asked many questions during their two-day presentation. One man who identified himself as an elected official mildly chided Voeller for his critical characterizations of public officials. A man who identified himself as a parent of a gay attending the weekend wanted to know why gays were "making such a big thing of your homosexuality."

Workshops included those on gay minorities, mental health, gay people and the family, women's self-help, self-defense, and a religious forum. Nancy Walker, a Burlington dance instructor, led a dance class and gave a short performance. The Fort Hill Faggots discussed the experience of gay communal living.

The UVM Gay Student Union was formed 2½ years ago. Last year it hosted its first such Weekend, featuring Elaine Noble and Franklin Kameny. Organizers for this year's event included Hildy Sheftel, John Tobin and Bob Bissette.

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Frank Critical of MDC Policy

By David Brill

BOSTON — Reacting strongly to reports of increased harassment of gay men by Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) police, Rep. Barney Frank last week charged the police with the “wasteful use of scarce resources,” and stopped just short of endorsing legislation that would abolish the MDC police if the harassment did not stop.

MDC Commissioner John F. Snedeker, in response to inquiries from GCN regarding police activities, particularly at Revere Beach, stated that the MDC police “shall enforce, to the best of their ability, (the laws) in a uniform and unrestricted manner.” The position was an apparent reversal of Snedeker’s previously-stated position at a meeting with Frank and several gay people last November, in which he indicated that police activities would be restricted to areas where there are residents or other complainants.

“You seem to be saying that MDC police will spend time policing uninhabited areas in which people might be seeking to meet each other for purposes of mutually consenting sex, even where there are no complaints received,” wrote Frank. “Every time I see people speeding along Storrow Drive, endangering lives and property

and wasting fuel, with no MDC police in sight . . . I will think of your police officers lurking in the bushes somewhere trying to arrest two adult males who haven’t the slightest intention of harming or bothering anybody.

“Frankly, such a use of police makes me think some saboteur in your operation is trying to prove the oft-made argument that we do not need a separate MDC police force,” added Frank.

Abolition of the MDC police force has been a legislation issue at the State House for several years. (Although Snedeker recently discharged eight MDC employees for not showing up for work, “Keep MDC Police” bumper stickers have sprung up on cars all over the city.) In Frank’s district, there are at least five other police forces in operation in addition to the MDC: Boston, Mass. State Police, Capitol Police, MBTA police, and Registry police.

Frank concluded, “I am urging you to follow the sensible police policy of putting your scarce resources where people are asking for help, or where problems like speeding exist, rather than to put them where no one has asked them to go, and where they accomplish no real public good.”

As of last week, GCN continued to receive reports of MDC police harass-

ment on Revere Beach. On some nights, one or two police vehicles containing up to five officers have converged on the beach twice an hour with sirens and flashlights threatening to

arrest men on the beach and the sidewalk if they did not leave the area. The activities were observed by GCN as early as 8:00 p.m. and as late as 3:30 a.m.

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“After talking with such authorities (psychiatrists, psychologists, clergymen and others) and with homosexuals themselves . . . it’s possible to make a list of do’s and don’t’s for parents. Because almost every expert agrees that homosexuality can result from unhealthy parent-child relationships, and from hostility between mother and father, and from parental role reversal . . .

“Dr. Toby Bieber is a clinical psychologist in New York City. Together with her husband, psychiatrist Irving Bieber, she is an authority on the causes of homosexuality. She emphasizes that ‘parents need become concerned only when a child displays several of the symptoms associated with budding homosexuality.’

“Here are some of the symptoms:

- The child dislikes group play, preferring to do things alone or with his mother;
- The child is excessively afraid of physical injury;
- The child, if male, finds his father overtly hostile or indifferent to him;
- The child adopts the mannerisms of the opposite sex — as for instance, when a boy in his early teens imitates the walk of a girl . . .

“The experts seem less confident in ascribing the causes of lesbianism, but there’s a general agreement that maladjusted parents are often at fault.

“Says the Philadelphia psychiatrist:

‘I have had many lesbian patients . . . Almost invariably these patients are the daughters of mothers who disliked or hated *their* mothers. Such women often go out of their way to defeminize their daughters thus reducing the sexual competition between mother and daughter . . .’ The Wydens list these qualities of men who rear homosexual daughters: the fathers tend to be unusually puritanical, to engender fear (not necessarily physical) in their daughters, to belittle the daughter’s male and female friends, to ally with the daughter against her mother, and to discourage feminine dress, dancing, and the use of makeup. And psychiatrist Bieber has said, ‘Fathers who are openly affectionate and masculine with their daughters and are strong figures in the family do not produce lesbians!’ — *From a front-page article entitled “What If Your Child is Gay” that appeared in the April 23, 1977 issue of The National Observer. The National Observer is a weekly newspaper owned by Dow, Jones, and Company, who also publish the Wall Street Journal.*

Sen. Brooke Blasts Bryant

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.) last week announced his support for the Dade County (Florida) gay discrimination ordinance. Of Anita Bryant’s campaign to rescind the law, Brooke commented, “She is, it seems to me, wrong.” The senator made the statement in a letter to the Boston Advocates for Human Rights, which is working to aid Miami-area gays on their side of the much-publicized referendum.

“Those of us who believe in the words and spirit of the First Amendment cannot argue, for a moment, against Ms. Bryant’s right to speak,” Brooke said. “I *do* argue with both the premise and conclusions of her argument.”

The senator added, however, that he felt efforts on behalf of the Dade County ordinance should be restricted

to the Miami area, and suggested that voters there would be antagonized by efforts of “outsiders” to involve themselves in what they consider a local political matter.

“Discrimination, in my judgment, is totally wrong. It wounds those who practice it almost as much as those who are its victims,” Brooke said. In conclusion, he told BAHR, “I stand with you for its end. In Miami and in our country.”

Brooke’s statement comes a month after another member of Congress, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), publicly endorsed the efforts to repeal the Dade County ordinance in a widely-distributed statement reprinted in, among other newspapers, the *Manchester Union Leader*. Helms called Anita Bryant “a fine Christian lady,” and promised to fight any gay rights legislation on the federal level “to the end.”

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Ann Maguire - A Woman With Community On Her Mind

By Elise Webster

It's difficult to be involved in Boston's gay community without seeing or hearing Ann Maguire. She was Elaine Noble's campaign manager during Noble's first successful run for office back in 1974. These days, you can hear her on the radio every Tuesday night as she co-hosts WBUR's show "Gay Way." You can see her behind the bar at Somewhere, the mixed bar for lesbians and gay men that she co-manages in the Financial District. And as someone who at one time dreamed of being a professional bowler, she's visible today as one of the area's most avid softball players.

I went to Somewhere one Wednesday afternoon to meet and talk with Ann.

Ann got involved with the bar after having been a professor at Northeastern University from 1970 to 1976. By the summer of '76, she had decided to "shelve her academic robes," and when Bob White (who had previously managed 1270) began discussing the idea of the two of them opening a bar together in Boston, it seemed like "a perfectly marvelous idea" to Ann. She had spent several summers in Provincetown running Sisters, a women's bar, and she knew she enjoyed the work. She then agreed to open Somewhere with Bob.

Ann feels that she made the right choice when she decided to leave academia. Her experiences at Northeastern University, where she taught in the field of Health Education and Science, became increasingly frustrating. She feels that the school's educational system was way behind the times and that its priorities were confused. The administration and Ann's department were disturbed by any attempts Ann made to be innovative or progressive. Her aggressiveness in trying to change educational policy frightened them. So did her openness about being gay.

Not only was Ann the most openly gay faculty member on campus at the time, but she was also becoming more and more widely known as a gay activist in the area. In 1970, she began working with Bob Jones, John Lawrence, Dr. Richard Pillard, and others to found the Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS), a gay

mental health clinic in Boston, where she then worked as a counselor. She also helped with the founding of Dignity, the organization for gay Catholics. In 1974, she became Elaine Noble's campaign manager and began producing Gay Way.

An initial impetus for all this activity was Ann's reaction to two personal tragedies. In 1967, Ann's mother died, and her lover died soon afterwards. She decided to look for a professional to help her in dealing with these losses. Eventually, she found one. But she also found that very few therapists, counselors or clinics were familiar with gay or feminist concerns and lifestyles. She became aware of a widespread need within the gay community for such resources. Ann began to feel a commitment to the idea of searching out existing resources for the gay community while helping to create new and better ones. She also wanted to make sure that these resources became known to the community. Her involvement with HCHS and later with Gay Way was the logical outgrowth of this commitment.

During this period Ann became campaign manager for Elaine Noble during Elaine's first election to the legislature in 1974. She said it was a real high point in her life because she was involved in a precedent-setting event that could be copied but never repeated. "It was like the first space-shot or like Woodstock," Ann said.

Although the campaign was supported by the gay community, Ann's role as campaign manager was to win the vote of as many residents (many of whom are elderly) of the Back Bay,



Kenmore Square, and the Fenway areas as possible. Elaine and her workers focused their attention on six major issues of primary importance to those residents, and actively showed them that she did, could, and would improve their neighborhoods. The campaign received national media



ann was an experienced cycle-dyke by four years

coverage almost from the beginning. Both the campaign and the enthusiasm of her campaign workers intensified after Elaine won the September primary against four opponents. Optimism reached a high pitch on the night of the November election when Ann passed out buttons that said, "I worked for Elaine Noble" to all her workers. The buttons were worn proudly and could be seen all over town that night. The optimism was justified. Elaine won.

Ann has not been involved with politics since Elaine's election in '74. I asked if she thought she might be politically active again in the future. She said she hopes to have input into shaping the future, particularly where gay rights and other issues are concerned, but she does not see that input as a necessarily political one. Currently, she is pushing very hard for the passage of gay legislation in Massachusetts, as anyone knows who has heard her on Gay Way recently or who saw her at the Somewhere benefit on April 24. She considers these contributions to be "behind-the-scenes" and is happy to contribute in this way.

Ann may consider her present involvement "behind-the-scenes," but to her many weekly listeners on Gay Way, Ann is one of the most upfront gay people in Boston. Gay Way, which began as an extension of HCHS' educational services, is a live, listener call-in talk show on WBUR-FM that can be heard each Tuesday night between 8:00 and 9:30 p.m. It began as two half-hour taped specials by Elaine Noble and Diane Travis in 1972. The listener response to the specials was overwhelmingly positive, so WBUR contracted Noble and Travis to produce a weekly half-hour pre-taped program. The program's format was a combination of news, music, and interviews geared towards the particular interests of the gay community. Eventually, again due to strong listener support, the show grew to an hour weekly and it became live. In 1974, Ann became Gay Way's producer and host, along with the co-host at that time, John

Lawrence. The show grew to its present length of 1½ hours. It also incorporated a listener call-in format with its live broadcast.

Ann's current co-host is Steve Blevins, and together they continue to provide the audience with political and social news and information, feminist and gay music and poetry, and interviews which cover topics of special interest or concern to their gay listening audience. Ann has held interviews with members of gay health clinics, gay mental health clinics, gay organizations such as BAHF and Gay Legislation '77, and with gay disc-jockeys, musicians, and political people. She holds interviews on a variety of health issues and lifestyle issues.

Two of the many interviewees she has enjoyed talking with are the late Dr. Howard Brown and Rita Mae Brown. Howard Brown was the head of the Health Services in New York City during the Lindsay administration, at which time he came out publicly and spoke to the A.M.A. and other groups about homosexuality. Rita Mae Brown is a writer of articles, poetry, and two novels: *Rubyfruit Jungle* and *In Her Day*. She has stopped in at Somewhere several times since she was interviewed on Gay Way. The day after one of her visits, Ann received a dozen long-stemmed red roses from Rita Mae with the comment, "Like yer bar, honey!"

"Our listening audience," said Ann, "comes from all over Maine, New Hampshire, the western part of Mass., Rhode Island, and Cape Cod. For a phenomenally high percentage of them, Gay Way and probably GCN are their only contacts with other gay people. The show is something they can listen to in the privacy of their own homes."

Gay Way serves an important function to the gay person who is in the process of coming out or of feeling positive about his or her sexual identity. It is especially valuable to those who live in rural areas. Often WBUR holds a fund-raising marathon on the air, asking for financial support



ann lost the lead of "National Velvet" to C. Taylor

from their listeners. For seven or eight of these marathons, Ann has offered dinner at her house ("soup to nuts"), to the highest bidder. "Every time I've offered dinner, the person who bought it was someone who knew no other gay people but wanted to, and felt comfortable about going to someone's home." She says that Gay Way's listeners are really good about giving the show the financial support it needs to continue on the air.

"A lot of people call in during the program but don't want to go on the air," Ann says. "The engineer takes the calls and gives the messages to me or to Steve, or else I take the calls during the musical segments of the show. Many people don't want to go on the air, but they do have something



Photo by Angela Russo



ann at school, second row, third from left, curly-crowned, activist-at heart

to say to us."

The response to Gay Way continues to be overwhelmingly positive. Nevertheless, I asked Ann to comment on the negative responses. "Once in a while, Bonnie Kronin, the station manager at WBUR, will get a letter saying, 'What is this program doing on the air?'. Bonnie writes back saying, 'It's doing very well, thank you.' Occasionally someone will call in to tell us why we're 'sick.' It doesn't bother me. (Except once — when a man called in saying he could prove that we all had an extra chromosome and that that was why we are gay. I lost my patience.) But they listen to us. They listen to every word we say. Maybe they'll change their minds about us someday. Sometimes people call in with the whole Bible rap. When they try to put us on the defensive by giving us a literal interpretation of the Bible, in order to 'show us the errors of our ways,' I put *them* on the defensive by doing a literal interpretation that shows them the errors of *their* ways."

"What do you see in terms of a need for Gay Way in the future?" I asked. "I would like to feel that there is not a strong need for Gay Way," she said, "but there is a strong need. And there will be — until we get rid of Anita Bryant and people like her, get some gay legislation passed, and until people really start believing that it's okay to be gay and feel positive about it."



ann and famous friend, what's her name

In addition to Gay Way, most of Ann's energies these days go into Somewhere, the bar which she and Bob White co-manage. Somewhere is staffed by men and women, and employs one male and one female disc-jockey. On any given night, you will find a higher percentage of women at Somewhere than at any other mixed gay bar. Women generally find a warm reception at Somewhere, and on Wednesday nights, they make up about 95% of the population there. The

clientele is predominately male on Monday and Tuesday nights, and at other times it is more evenly mixed.

Variance in the male to female ratio is okay with Ann. "I don't think you can do anything that's 50-50," she said. "As long as it's mixed, it's fine... that's the concept behind this space. When Bob and I decided to open this bar together, we decided to make it as equally mixed as possible and to see how it worked. It's worked out very nicely."

"People come here to dance. They also come to sit and talk, to eat, to play the pinball machines or pool, to just be mellow. No one is forced to be standing or moving around or doing anything they don't want to do. That's what the back part of the upstairs is for. People can go in there to sit down in between dancing."

I asked Ann about her future goals. "Someday," she said, "I would like to open a space of my own. It would be primarily a women's bar. It would have a space that was quiet, with no loud music; a place where women could talk without yelling. There would be dancing in a different space. It would be possible to open up the spaces into one big area for meetings, small concerts, or whatever. It would be a flexible, comfortable space that could be used for women 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

For herself, she would like, someday, to live with other women in a place by the ocean. "Other than that," she said, a sudden grin lighting up her mellow expression, "I'd like to start a gay nursing home — before I'm ready for it." She was very serious. "Some kind of a place for older gay people to go, instead of living alone. Not necessarily the nursing home concept as we know it today, but perhaps something more like a retirement home."

Ann is disturbed by the ageism, sexism, and racism that she sees in the gay community. There is a very definite caste system that, she says, can be easily observed within the bars. She would like to do her part to help eradicate oppression from the community. "Someday," she hopes, "when we're all feeling bigger and better, and are no longer oppressed, perhaps we will stop feeling the need to oppress each other."

Ann is also concerned about problems surrounding violence, especially violence towards women. It is very important that women help each other in dealing with crimes such as rape and wife-beating, she said. Men can't give the kind of help that is needed because most men feel that violence towards or oppression of their wives, lovers, sisters, etc., is in some way, no matter how small it seems to them, okay. She applauds the achievements of the women's communities that are blossoming everywhere.

Personally, however, Ann feels that the interests and concerns of many of

the women who are banning together are very different from her own. The issues that surround the lives of straight women are not often the issues that concern lesbians, she said. "And their commitment to women is usually only part-time." But neither does she feel she has much in common with lesbian-feminist-separatists as a group.

She feels that separatism is perfectly valid for women who are most comfortable living as apart from men as possible. It is not, however, valid or comfortable for her. First of all, she said, it is nearly impossible to do. Secondly, she personally sees no reason for it. "I know men who are very positive people and don't think they are at all superior to women. There are men in my life who are very important to me. I certainly would not want to separate myself from my father or my brother. My father, for example, has always been my strongest supporter. He still is."

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ann shows off her top bowling form

make sense to me. There are lots of men I don't like and that I choose not to associate with. I don't like the male power trip or male violence. But then I see some women taking on these 'male characteristics' and using them against their sisters. I choose to cut myself off from these women."



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"Absolute separatism is a very hard thing to do in terms of daily living. A woman can choose to see a woman doctor, dentist, lawyer, etc. — I do. But I can't cut myself off from all men. Some men, yes. And some women. It depends on the person, not their sex."

Ann feels that life has changed greatly in the past few years for lesbians and gay men, especially for those who are just now coming out. In the cities, there are now many more people one can go to for counseling or just to talk to. There are more gay meeting places. Positive role models are much easier to find, both in literature and in person. Gay people are more open about their sexuality, and homosexuality is more and more frequently discussed. Still, Ann is aware that in small-town and suburban America, where most people, gay and straight, live, nothing has really changed. It is important to her that gay people everywhere have access to a gay community and its resources, and that they develop positive self-images and feel good about their sexual identity.

Although as a young teenager, Ann had had no exposure to gay literature, public gay role models, or even a single gay person, she remembers her "coming-out-night" as a joyful and positive experience. When Ann was seventeen, she met two women at a bowling tournament and felt in some vague way that she wanted to know them better. One night she ran into the two women in downtown Worcester (where Ann was born and raised) and they invited her to go out for a drink with them.

She accepted, always on the look-out for a chance to pass for the legal drinking age of twenty-one. They took her to a gay bar (the old New Yorker in Worcester). The unsuspecting Ann was delighted. She felt very comfortable there and very happy. She quickly formed several new friendships and made plans to return there the very next night. That night, she told me, she suddenly understood some of the feelings that had been baffling her for some time. She felt good. Ann wishes that everyone could experience a similar joy when coming out. She hopes for and actively works toward the day when positive feelings about one's gayness are the norm.

A Rose for Emma

By Don Shewey

Emma Goldman was a factory worker, an anarchist, a nurse, a lover, a leader, but most of all a woman with a cause, a person whose life and politics were inseparable. And Emma Goldman is the subject of Howard Zinn's insightful play, *Emma*, now being performed magnificently by the Next Move.

Zinn follows Goldman and the anarchist movement from 1886 (the year of the Haymarket Affair in Chicago) to 1906 (shortly after the foundation of the Industrial Workers of the World). During this period, the

Russian-born Goldman leaves her family in Rochester, N.Y., to become involved in anarchist activities — organizing labor groups, speaking about women's and workers' rights, and planning revolutionary strategies with anarchist leaders such as her lover, Alexander (Sacha) Berkman. Most of these strategies are ill-fated, such as Berkman's misguided attempt to assassinate the tyrannical Henry Clay Frick (sort of the Nelson Rockefeller of his day), his friends' thwarted scheme to dig him an escape tunnel out of jail. The play ends not in triumph but in struggle. After 16 years in jail,

Sacha is a broken man; Emma, too, has been jailed for inciting to riot, accused of conspiring to kill President McKinley, and has risked her life and health through her countless inflammatory speeches. The anarchist spirit is weakened but not altogether lifeless — "At first I saw revolution as a hurricane sweeping everything in its path," says Goldman. "Now I see that it is a constant turning of earth. We will rise and be cut down many times, but one day there will be too many of us. Revolution is not the end, it is the beginning."

Emma is political theatre, but it suc-

ceeds first and foremost as theatre, and as such it is dynamic, funny, and terribly moving. Credit playwright Zinn for his remarkably well-made play, his sense of drama, his ear for dialogue, his ability to create people rather than historical monuments. He presents both their political fervor and their foolishness, their noble philosophizing and their petty self-absorption. Credit also director Maxine Klein for her smooth, sharp, well-paced staging. Klein is practically the Ziegfeld of political theatre, and her talent for presenting political thought with strikingly theatrical techniques is justifiably renowned. She turns the Next Move's theatre into a cauldron of activity, molding the simple set to serve a variety of needs, creating an expansive atmosphere of which what we see is only part. She manages the difficult task of making short scenes flow together seamlessly and coherently. Best of all, she draws from the Next Move actors an astonishing ensemble performance.

Geraldine Librandi is exceptional as Emma Goldman — her eyes reveal a flashing temper, a raging intensity, an enormous capacity for emotion; her stooped but sturdy frame shows the strain of a woman who has fought and suffered and survived. Gil Schwartz gives a finely-tuned performance as the stubborn, dogmatic, driven Sacha. The remainder of the actors play multiple roles with ease and clarity; Lanie Zera, a fascinating actress with an irrepressible comic flair, is outstanding as always. John Polglase's sensitive lighting and Andy Gaus' understated musical accompaniment also make fine contributions to an important piece of theatre.

Emma. A play by Howard Zinn based on the life of Emma Goldman. Directed by Maxine Klein. At the Next Move Theatre, Boston.

Some TV Short Takes

By Nancy Walker

In the "I-don't-believe-what-I'm-seeing" category: if you need an emetic as aversion therapy for watching daytime soaps ("Days of Our Lives," to which I am addicted, excepted, of course), take a gander at "The Young and the Restless" on CBS (noon or 1 p.m., depending on where you live) and throw up. Then write to CBS and give 'em hell.

On the show there's some cocka-

mamie crap about lesbians that's truly medieval, even for TV. On the segment I saw (Monday, April 18), an obviously well-to-do middle-aged woman wanted to take a younger woman, Joanna, on a trip. Joanna's ex-husband had suggested that the older woman had lesbian designs on her, so Joanna declined to go on the trip, citing the hearsay evidence to her friend. Whereupon the older woman crumpled onto

her terribly expensive couch, put her heavily bejeweled and meticulously manicured hands to her face, and wailed, in melodramatic tones unequalled since Sarah Bernhardt, "O, God, O, God, O, God . . . O, God help me." O, God: it's enough to make you stop buying soap — forever.

Plaudits, kudos and a laurel wreath to CBS for "April Magazine." At 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21, we were treated to 15 minutes' worth of sane, intelligent talk about gays and parents, and being gay in general. A very attractive, calm, articulate young man named Steve described his self-awareness and self-acceptance. His parents spoke of his coming out to them, their friends' reactions, and how the psychiatrist they consulted told them, after seeing him, that Steve was perfectly healthy and normal and that the problem was "out there" in the homophobia of our society.

Finally, Judd Marmor, a past presi-

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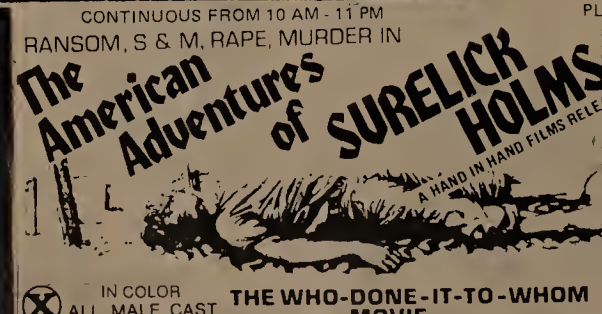


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Rhapsody of the Fenway

By Fred

Tentative and halting, the middle-aged father of four grazes your crotch with fumbling fingers, moans and presses his face softly into your neck. You pull him closer.

A blond in black leather shining silver in the moonlight chokes you, raises you up from your knees, smoothes your eyelids with his thumb and is gone.

You light a cigarette and lean against a tree out of the wind, oblivious to the stranger with the pleading eyes who is feeding at your groin. You can't say no.

Encircled by men with their pants down, you rake their flesh with your fingers and turn your head to the nearest pair of lips. They turn away and you try another.

A neanderthal throwback with a beaming smile crushes you in his arms, throws you face down in the mud and screws you raw. He licks your head to foot and leaves you for dead.

You begin to trace the edges of the bulge in someone's denim jeans. He reciprocates, then withdraws and your hand is shoved roughly away. It does not matter. You hardly care. You pass on to another. You are all shades.

This is happening in the park at night, the world of anonymous sex. It is furtive, desperate, and wildly exciting for it is potentially populated by your sexual fantasies. The air is thick with anticipation, desire, and the smell of sex.

Your fellow habitués are a widely divergent group — old, young, professional, blue-collar, from all classes and backgrounds imaginable. Some are guilt-ridden and mortally-ashamed — sneaky, wooden, or limited in their responses but smoldering nevertheless. A few are here as an expedient and are quick, eager and to-the-point. There are those that are here because they are always here — you find them often mechanical in their reactions, like wind-up dolls who seem to neither know nor care what they do, but drop to their knees and just go until they drop. And some come by for the hell of it — these are the devoted voluptués,

wild and on fire, who strip down easily to their animal natures and roll naked with you in the mud, who lose themselves in a bestial rite millions of years old.

You're a different group yet bound together by one trait — in your excitement and blind absorption in sex you are all a bunch of dogs.

Or perhaps that is what you are asked to be by a part of yourself that grows more fascinating, irresistible and frightening as you explore it. You don't know what you're doing or why. You can only imagine that is the ideal you unconsciously sense and follow as you circle your kind by the light of the moon, seldom speaking, but touching, groping, trying out your desires and passions on one another.

You wander on, seeking whatever it is that drives you wild. You find it or you don't. You do and you go off together — his place, your place, most often a more deserted part of the park — where you rip each other's clothes off and go as far as your fantasies, or his, take you.

Afterwards, there is generally little talk. Exchanging names or words even seems pointless, inadequate, considering where you've been together, considering the mood you're in. There is the feeling you've said it all. On parting, you acknowledged each other with a touch or maybe a low moan.

That's your sex life. You wonder what to make of it — so often an unsatisfying, grim, and tawdry affair. So different from the way the rest of the world does it. Sometimes you worry. Is it unhealthy? Such a separate part of your life — nothing you share with family or friends. Does its schizoid nature alone qualify it as unwholesome? Is "marriage" the ideal? This business of pairing off — this mimicking of straight society — is that the way you ought to be?

You look around — your friends have lovers, carry on affairs, talk of "meaningful relationships." You feel depraved. What is wrong with you? Why is there such an impossible gulf between your sex and your life, your nights and your days? Dirty, filthy, slimy thing. You are inhuman. Is that it?

As much as you love the call of the wild, sometimes you wish you had a lover. Someone who adored you. Some longed-for combination of virility and kindness to wake you in the morning



with a sigh and say, "Hey baby, give Daddy a kiss." A friend and a lover.

Oh for years it was your heart's desire. And so you searched the bars and streets, rejecting out of hand this one, that one; measuring each in terms of his romantic and sexual potential. And it never happened. At least not for long. He died, got away, went away, lost interest. Or you did.

And the one-night stands you tried along the way? So seldom did they work out, start to finish. The sex was

grand or at least sufficient most of the time but the morning after or so often a horror.

Mute over morning coffee. God knows why, but you just did not care to know this person you so ardently desired the night before. Was it the dim light or your drunken haze that made it seem so appealing? Words failed you and you sat and silently repeated "Leave . . . Leave . . . Leave . . ."

How dishonest, how painfully difficult to carry or to bear. How you betrayed and diluted the intensity of your feelings from the night before.

So you don't care to seek out casual sex and you don't care to die of old age waiting for that love affair which you may or may not be capable of or even really want, so little do you know.

So very little can you know — all this asking why and why not, these vague suspicions and fears. It is all groundless speculation, a fruitless search for answers that are non-existent and ultimately meaningless anyhow since you sense quite perfectly it is flesh you desire.

You have only to trust your senses and obey their call. To put your fears and doubts aside, along with your name and identity, cast off the artificial restraints of civilization, sacrifice your social postures for brute honesty and go down to the woods at night.

The woods at night. The wind in the trees, the smell of damp earth and the strangers waiting for you in the shadows. Longing as you long to touch, to feel, to explore the fascination of what is hidden.

With the instinct and purity of an animal you grind your flesh into the flesh of other men.

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dent of the American Psychiatric Association, said that in point of fact homosexual and heterosexual kids have similar family backgrounds, and gays from healthy, loving families turn out to be healthy, loving, stable homosexuals. Marmor also said that "unless the propensity [for homosexuality] is there," having a gay sibling will not cause a child to become gay. So much for those who would like the world to believe that homosexuality is either contagious or teachable, like philosophy or religion.

The only apparent homophobe on the show (and she may have been playing devil's advocate) was the interviewer who, while speaking with Dr. Marmor, asked if parents of gays had not done "something wrong" which contributed to their children's being gay. The doctor cleared up that confusion, but not by saying that parents should be rewarded for having produced children who turned out to be gay. Alas. We still have work to do. All in all, the program was a refreshing interlude.

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Gay Rap

By Fran

I am a sixteen-year-old gay female, and for the most part I am writing this because it gives me a chance to be open about my gayness. When I was fifteen I was playing guitar in a band. The drummer of the band was a gay male, and we became very close friends. He introduced me to a woman who was five years older than me. Despite the age difference, we had a lot in common. She was a musician, very much into sports, and was studying to be a veterinarian. At this time I also wanted to go into veterinary medicine.

As time passed, we began to see more of each other. She helped me a great deal with my studies and was also able to give me a good perspective on my future career. We even started to write music together. Some of our songs have recently been published.

My parents, who didn't know she was gay, liked her very much. I often stayed over night at her apartment, either to finish a piece of music or because we were going horseback riding early in the morning. We were extreme-

ly close and would do anything for each other. She was always conscious, however, of our age difference. She said that I was still young and she didn't want me to make any definite decisions about my lifestyle.

Last September she was killed in a riding accident. I think a part of myself died also. For a while I just didn't care about anything. I guess you could say I was just existing, and at times I even thought of stopping that. The worst thing about it was that I couldn't talk to anyone about the way I felt.

Since then, I've told my parents about my being gay. It went over fairly well, but it's not discussed much. It's more or less tolerated.

As far as school goes, my grades are good but when 2:10 comes around I can't wait to get out. The atmosphere is totally anti-gay. I am proud to be gay, but I'd be crazy to let anyone in school know that I am. Because I am an honor student, I can leave school during my study and lunch periods. This is usually the time I take to read GCN. I think that if I didn't get that

hour each day I'd flip out. So between the paper and a few albums from Olivia Records, I manage to feel as though I am not the only gay person alive.

I now hope to go into journalism. At the present time I am writing for a band in California but I hope to channel all my musical abilities into writing women's music.

I guess that's about all I have to say. I can only hope that more young people will be able to get in touch with their feelings as I have, and to feel good about them as I do. I recently began writing a little just for my own pleasure but it's not doing me any good sitting on my desk, so I thought I'd share it with you.

Growing to be me.

Reaching out.

Not knowing what I search for or why, only feeling, tasting, and hearing the need of my soul.

An inner voice cries out to me but I know not how to answer.

Time passes.

Days blend together to form one empty eternity.

Will it ever end?

And if it does will I have survived?

Surrounded by those who destroy who tear at your soul.

They mutilate your spirit until you have none left.

Will they break me?

Or will I be able to cling to my sanity, claiming my mind, body and soul as my own to do with as I please.

Growing, changing, and maturing forming my personality to suit myself.

Rejoicing in my individuality and the fact that I don't fit into the mold.

Their mold, that they so courteously made for me.

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Reaching out

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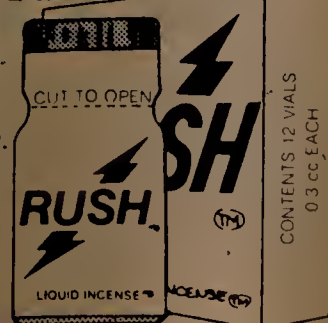
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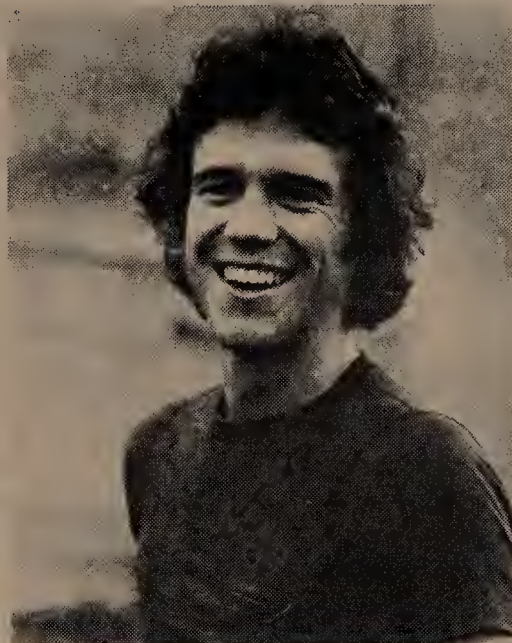
MONEY ORDERS RECEIVE SAME DAY SERVICE

people, places and flings

By David Holland

As to matters, mostly pertinent . . . In perusing my weekly dose of New York via *The New Yorker*, I noticed they made a short note of Lily Tomlin's "Appearing Nitely" in their About Town column. "Worth a king's ransom," they say . . . It was other matters that kept me from Saturday's affair at Chaps. I did, on the other hand, notice the post-party drippings during my Sunday stopover. Judging from the recent docket of parties and benefits it seems this Back Bay den respects the phrase "give and take" . . . A recent stop at Boston's still-new Fan Club and watching swinging singles bebop at the record hop to a too-long rendition of Diana Ross hits proves, sorrowfully enough, age comes too soon . . . Here's a note: Quincy House

Theatricals at Harvard University will perform "Fortune and Men's Eyes" for two weekends, May 5-8 and 12-15. Tickets at the door only for \$2 at the Quincy House, 58 Plimpton St. in Cambridge . . . Joan M c k l i n (*Hester Street*) Silver's new (larger budget) film, "Between the Lines," based rather tightly on the *Real Paper*, is being shown in New York, much to the chagrin of N.Y. critics. It should have premiered here, anyway . . . Getting high-time for scratchy swim-suits, towels impregnated with Coppertone and sunshine (when it's available). Obviously, for many this means P-town for those who miss the Fire Island bi-plane . . . And speaking of P-town, Danny, per previous mention, has already assumed his post at Pier 247 in the ever-growing Crown and Anchor



New smile in town? In a manner of speaking, yes. Ben Masters is among the cast of the Mass. Center Rep's next production, O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night." May 3-15 at the Shubert Theater.

complex. Now, if you had seen the original copy of this column you would have seen "Helltown" crossed out and "Pier 247" inserted. Change happens quicker than I can account for but besides, what's in a name? The "Pier" opens on the 6th of May . . . The A House is opening a new floor above the A-bar. My notes say "dark and

demure" which means lots of room for lots to happen . . . Dull summer here with Jacqui Mac on the shore. She'll be coming off the beaches nightly to her turntable at the Pied Piper. Linda Gerard will be performing there on Memorial Day weekend. Sounds like my itinerary . . . Of course the ol' standbys are pulling down the spider webs. I don't care what's new, if you don't see this ace-gossip sipping rickeys at the Boatslip pool, chances are he's still at his typewriter back home . . . Or perhaps nursing a pre-season burn at the Ocean's Inn and trying to find the "Nina's" in Hirschfield's drawings that proliferate in the dining room there . . . Women's words about at Isis — a shop with not only lesbian books but records as well. Looks as though the town is gearing-up for a long-overdue female influx . . . And if you're looking for something to do in P-town this summer and you can sing, dance, or direct, you should get in touch with Robin Productions. They're planning auditions for a summer musical at the Pilgrim Playhouse. Send your resume to Robin Productions, Inc., 22 Blanche St., Dorchester, MA 02122 . . . One more "Vieux Carre" (play? by T. Williams) note: It's receiving a post-mortem in New York. Old playwrights never die, they just go to Broadway. Don't get me wrong, I know of brilliant and deserved careers, when they existed . . . That's about it. Slow season, you know. Quiet before the storm . . .

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B.A.H.R. SPEAKER
RICH STROMER Subject: Anita Bryant
9 P.M.

GAY-LA DISCO DANCE
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SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1977
3:30 P.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
5:00 P.M.

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Cambridge Gay Political Caucus, P.O. Box 218, E. Cambridge 02141	492-3433
Cambridge North/Brattle Gays Write c/o Gay Legislation	661-9362
Cambridge Women's Center	354-8807
Cambridgeport Gays, c/o GCN, Box 6500	
Charles Street Meetinghouse	523-0368
Civil Liberties Union of Mass.	742-8020
Closet Space (WCAS 740m AM)	523-1081
Daughters of Bilitis	492-6540
Dignity, 102 Charles St., Box 172, Boston 02114	262-1592
Elaine Noble (Rep.)	739-1091
Evangelicals Concerned	727-2584
Fag Rag	894-3970
Fenway Community Health Center	536-9826
Fengay, c/o Tom Nylund	267-7573
Focus. Women's Counseling, 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge	267-1066
Fort Hill Faggots for Freedom	876-4488
	440-8551 or 427-1893
Framingham Unicorn Society, P.O. Box 163, Framingham 01701	
Gay Academic Union of New England, P.O. Box 212, Boston 02101	266-2069
Gay AIAnon, South Shore	843-5300
Gay Alert! (for gay community emergency only)	523-0368 or 267-0764
Gay Community News	426-4469
Gay Hotline (3-12 pm. Mon.-Fri.)	426-9371
Gay Legislation '77, P.O. Box 8841, JFK Station, Boston 02114	742-4811
Gay Men's Center, 36 Bromfield St.	338-7967
Gay Nurses' Alliance-East, P.O. Box 530, Back Bay Annex, Boston, MA 02117	
Gay People of UMass/Boston	287-1900 (ext. 2396)
Gay Recreational Activities Committee, (GRAC) c/o GCN Box 8000	
Gay Speakers Bureau, P.O. Box 2232, Boston 02107	354-0133
Gay Way Radio (WBUR, 90.9FM)	353-2790
Gay Youth Advocates, 70 Charles St.	227-8587
Gender Identity Service	864-8181
Good Gay Poets	536-9826
Harvard-Radcliffe Gay Student Assn.	498-2111
Homophile Community Health Service	542-5188
Integrity, PO Box 2582, Boston 02208	262-3057
Lesbian Liberation, c/o Women's Ctr.	354-8807
Massachusetts Feminist Federal Credit Union, 186 1/2 Hampshire St., Cambridge	661-0450
Metropolitan Community Church	523-7664
National Lawyers Guild, 595 Mass. Ave.	661-8898
National Organization for Women	267-6160
New Words Bookstore	876-5310
Northeastern Gay Student Org., c/o Student Activities Office, 255 Eli Ctr.	253-5440
Older and Other Gays, c/o GCN, Box 1500, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108	
Other Fund, Inc. (Gay United Fund), P.O. Box 1997, Boston 02105	
Project Lambda	523-0368
Project Place	267-9150
Sexual Health Centers of N.E., Inc.	
739 Boylston St., Boston 02116	266-3444
Fr. Paul Shanley (Exodus Center)	333-0146
Transvestites/Transgenderists: Frances Craig, P.O. Box 291, MIT Branch, Cambridge 02139	
Transvestites/Transgenderists: Ariadne Kane, Box 161, Cambridge 02140	
Tufts Gay Community, c/o Student Activities Office, Medford 02155	776-0921
Unitarian Universalist Office of Gay Concerns, 25 Beacon St., Boston 02108	742-2100
Women's Alcoholism Program, 1348 Cambridge St., Cambridge 02139	661-1316
Women's Community Health in Cambridge	547-2302
Wings Counseling	277-1761
WESTERN MASS. (Area Code 413)	
Dignity/Springfield, P.O. Box 488, Forest Park Sta., Springfield 01108	
Everywomen's Center, Amherst	545-0883
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Gay Women's Caucus, Amherst	545-3438
People's Gay Alliance, UMass/Amherst	545-0154
Southwest Women's Center	545-0626
Springfield Gay Alliance	732-9315
Valley Women's Center, Northampton	586-2011
EASTERN MASS (Area Code 617)	
Alcoholics Together, Worcester	756-0730
Another Way Drop-In Center, 2 Wellington St., Worcester 01610	756-0730
Brandeis Gay Alliance, Box 1321, Brandeis Univ., Waltham 02154	891-4384
Clark Gay Center, Box A-70, Clark U., Worcester, 01610	793-7287
Dignity/Merrimack Valley, P.O. Box 348, Lowell 01853	
Everywoman's Center, Box 949, 14 Center St., Provincetown 02657	487-3075 or 487-3344
Gay Community Services, Box 815, Provincetown 02657	
Gaypeople/Drop-In Center, Campus Center, 100 Elliot St., Haverhill 01830	374-0929
Haverhill, N.E.C.C. Gay Line, M. 8-10 am, T. 6-8 pm, W. 12-2 pm	
Homophile Assistance League of Provincetown, Box 674, P-town 02657, 158 Commercial St.	487-9633
Homophile Union of Montachusett, P.O. Box 262, Fitchburg, 01420	
MCC/Worcester	756-0730
New Bedford Women's Clinic	999-1170
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center	487-0367
Survival Crisis Line	471-7100
CONNECTICUT (Area Code 203)	
"Come Out Tonight," Box WYBC/Yale Station, New Haven 06520.	
CT Gay Task Force, PO Box 514, Hartford, CT 06101	522-5575
East Conn. Gay Alliance, Norwich	889-7530
George W. Henry Foundation, Hartford	522-2646
Gay Alliance at Yale, 2031 Yale Station, New Haven 06520	436-8945
Gay Switchboard	522-5575
Hartford Gay Counseling	522-5575, 232-5110
Institute of Social Ethics/National Gay Archives, 1 Gold St., Suite 22B, Hartford 06103	547-1281
Kalos/Gay Liberation, Hartford	568-2656
MCC/Hartford	232-5110, 522-5575
The Church of the Eternal Flame Universal	527-2656
U Conn Gay Alliance, 211 Student Union, U of CT, Storrs, 06268	
Wesleyan Gay Alliance, Box 233, Wesleyan Station, Middletown, 06457	
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RHODE ISLAND (Area Code 401)	
Alcoholics Together, 290 Westminster	
Brown University Gay Lib, 305 Faunce House St., Rm. 510, Providence	863-3062
Dignity/Providence, Box 2231, Pawtucket 02861	
Gay Help Line	831-9491
Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle	
Women's Center, 185 Meeting St., Providence 02912	863-2189
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Integrity, Box 71, Annex Sta., Providence 02801	
MCC/Providence, 63 Chapin Ave.	
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrum	941-8653
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MAINE (Area Code 207)	
CMGA, Box 2242, Augusta 04330	
Gay People's Alliance, 92 Bedford St., University of Maine, Portland 04103	773-2901 or 535
Gay Support & Action, P.O. Box 110, Bangor 04401	
Maine Freewoman's Herald, 193 Middle St., 3rd floor, Portland 04111	774-6071
Maine Gay Task Force, 193 Middle St., Portland	773-5530
Maine Gay Task Force Newsletter, P.O. Box 4542, Portland 04112	773-5530
The Wilde-Stein Club, Memorial Union, University of Maine, Orono 04473	
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Lesbian Support Group, UNH Women's Center, Durham, NH 03824	
MCC-Extension, 292 State St., Portsmouth, NH 03801	(617) 523-7664
Nashua Area Gays	673-5315
NH Lambda, lesbian group, P.O. Box 1043, Concord, NH	228-8542
Seacoast Area Gay Alliance, 75 Court St., Portsmouth, NH	431-4350, 436-7196, or 742-2947
VERMONT (Area Code 802)	
Counseling for Gay Women & Men c/o Vermont Women's Health Center, 158 Bank St., Burlington 05401	863-1386
Counseling — Support for Gay Women, c/o Susan Katz, Southern Vermont Women's Health Center, Rutland, VT 05701	775-1518
Gay People at Middlebury, Middlebury College	
Gay Student Union, Univ. of Vt., Burlington, 05401, M-F, 7-9 pm.	656-4173
Women's Center, 182 Main St., Burlington, M-Th, 12-9 pm	863-1236
NEW YORK (CITY) (Area Code 212)	
Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 West 14th St., NYC 10014	242-6616
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Gay Media Coalition, c/o The Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St., NYC 10011	924-9434
Gay Men's Health Project, 74 Grove St., rm 2RW, NYC 10014	691-6969
Gay People at Columbia, Columbia U., NYC 10027	280-2574
Gay Switchboard	924-4036
Gay Teachers Assoc., 204 Lincoln Pl., Brooklyn, 11217	789-8176, 636-9827
Gay & Women's Alliance for Responsible Media, 370 Lexington Ave., Suite 416, NYC	
The Glines, 260 W. Broadway	925-2619
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Station, NYC 10017	758-1905
Lesbian Feminists Liberation, c/o Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St.	691-5460
Lesbian Switchboard	741-2610
Mattachine Society, 59 Christophé St., NYC 10014	691-1066
MCC/New York, 201 W. 13th St. (corner of 7th Ave.) Sunday worship 7 pm	691-7428
National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Sta., NYC 10017	
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Rm. 506, NYC	741-1010
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St.	255-8097
West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave., NYC	675-0143
NEW YORK (STATE)	
Capital District Gay Comm. Council, P.O. Box 131, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany 12210	(518) 462-6138
Dignity/Integrity/Rochester, 42 Tyler House, 17 South Fitzhugh St., Rochester, 14614	(716) 232-6521
Gay Alliance of The Genesee Valley, Inc. 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607	(716) 244-8640 or 244-9030
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607	(716) 244-8640
Gay Community Service Ctr., 1350 Main St., Buffalo 14209	
Gay Liberation Front/U. of R., Todd Hall, River Campus, U. of R., Rochester, 14627	(716) 275-6181
Gayphone (Mon-Sat 7-11)	423-3599
Gay Students Assoc., 103 College Pl., Syracuse	423-2081
Hamilton-Kirkland Gay Alliance, Box 80, Hamilton College, Clinton 13323	
Lesbian Resource Center (formerly GROW), 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607	(716) 244-9030
Stonewall Society, Poughkeepsie	(914) 471-8885

calendar may

2 mon

Boston — Gay Community Chapter exploratory meeting for gay study programs, 8-10pm, 1340 Comm. Ave., Apt. 6, info call 277-2484.

3 tues

Boston — DOB Women's Rap, 419 Boylston St., Rm. 323, 7:30pm.

Boston — Gay Men's Center Pot Luck Supper at new address, 718 Beacon St., 7:30pm.

Cambridge, MA — Meeting of Lesbian Task Force of NOW at 7:30pm, 99 Bishop Richard Allen Drive.

NYC — Robert Livingston, openly gay member of NYC Commission on Human Rights, will address West Side Discussion Group, 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St., 8pm, refreshments served, \$2 donation.

4 weds

Boston — Older and Other Gays meet at Hill House, 74 Joy St., 7:30pm, to discuss Homophobia in Dade County.

Salem, MA — Speakers from Gay Legislation '77 and Boston Advocates for Human Rights speak at Salem State College, Library Function Room, 7:30pm, free, for info call 745-0556, ext. 209.

NYC — West Side Discussion Group for women only, "Coping with Rejection," 37 Ninth Ave. at 14th St., 8pm.

5 thurs

Norton, MA — Elaine Noble speaks on "Women in Politics" at Wheaton College, Rt. 123, Watson Lounge, 7:30pm, free for everyone, for info on bus from Boston to Wheaton call 285-7722.

6 fri

Boston — Am Tikva, Jewish Gay Group meets at 7:30pm, 35 Worcester Sq., service and social.

Boston — Celebration of May Day at YWCA, 140 Clarendon St., \$1 admission, includes slide show and skits.

Boston — Folders, stuffers, sealers: where are you? We need volunteers tonight and every Friday to help with the GCN mailing. No experience needed, just willing hands. GCN offices, 22 Bromfield St., 4:30-8pm, info call 426-4469.

Providence, RI — Jill Johnston will speak at Brown U. in Alumna Hall at 8pm, 25¢, info call 863-2189.

NYC — Rights of Spring Gay Dance, Columbia U., Earl Hall, 117th St. on E. Side of B'way, 9pm, \$2.50 admission.

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Manchester, NH — Meeting of Northwood Women's Group, for info write: G. Ball, Box 273 RFD 1, Manchester, NH 03104.

Boston — Dance to Benefit Preterm Strike Fund, Ballroom of Boston U. Sherman Union, 775 Comm. Ave., 8-11:30pm, \$2 donation.

8 sun

Boston — Benefit for Prostitutes' Union of Mass. and Susan Saxe Defense Committee at Charles Street Meeting House, 70 Charles St., Spaghetti Supper and Rummage Sale at 7pm, \$2.25; Poetry and Music at 8:30pm, \$1.

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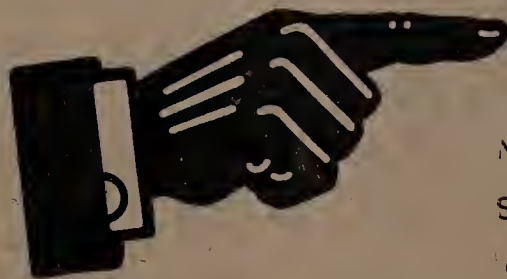
Providence, RI — Gay Pride Parade planning meeting, 7pm, 33 Huxley Ave., all welcome, info call 272-7957.

10 tues

NYC — West Side Discussion Group topic on running gay businesses, 37 Ninth Ave. and 14th St., 8pm, refreshments served, \$2 donation.

Boston — Integrity program on "Monogamy and Open Relationships," Emmanuel Church, Newbury St., 7:30pm, info call 262-3057.

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